

RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING UNDERTAKING OF
SURVEYS AND PLANS AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL
PROJECT AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR BLUE HILL-COLUMBIA STUDY AREA

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 121B, Sections 56 and 57, Mass. G.L., (herein referred to "Chapter 121B") the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Department of Community Affairs, may provide financial assistance to local public agencies for the planning and undertaking of residential, commercial, or industrial urban renewal projects; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 652 of the Acts of 1960 is the planning board for and in behalf of the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Boston Redevelopment Authority make surveys and plans and incur administrative expenses presently estimated to cost one hundred thirty-four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$134,500) in order to undertake and carry out an urban renewal project of the character contemplated in Chapter 121B in that area proposed as the Blue Hill-Columbia Study Area (hereinafter referred to as the "Study Area"), situated in the City Of Boston and which is described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. That in accordance with the requirements of Section 121B, Chapters 56 and 57 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the proposed Study Area described above is a substandard, decadent, or blighted open area appropriate for an urban renewal project requiring rehabilitation and upgrading and that the undertaking of surveys, plans, and administrative expenses for an urban renewal project of the character contemplated by, in the proposed Study Area is hereby approved.
2. That the Director is hereby authorized on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority to make application in advance of funds under said Sections 56 and 57 in the amount of \$100,875 for the cost of surveys, plans and administrative expenses in preparation of the project, and the Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such Application with the Department of Community Affairs and to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required in behalf of said Department, and the Director is hereby further authorized to secure any approvals required for such application.
3. That the Director be and hereby is authorized and directed on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, to enter into an Agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Department of Community Affairs for an advance of funds for surveys, plans and administrative expenses for the Blue Hill-Columbia Project in an amount not to exceed \$100,875 as set forth in Sections 56 and 57 of Chapter 121B of the General Laws.

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: Robert T. Kenney, Director

DATE: June 14, 20, 1974

SUBJECT: The Authority is requested to authorize the Director to submit an application for Survey and Planning Funds to the Department of Community Affairs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Blue Hill Avenue-Columbia Road Study Area, Dorchester.

Recent discussion with the State Department of Community Affairs have indicated that consideration will be given to funding an application requesting \$100,000 in Survey and Planning money for the purpose of determining appropriate urban renewal activity in the Blue Hill Avenue - Columbia Road Area.

The staff has worked closely with Representative Bill Owens on this project and have received the support of community agencies and leaders in the area. The project area is directly across the street from the new Franklin Park Zoo and an urban renewal project in this area would be geared toward economic development along Blue Hill Avenue.

The Survey and Planning Budget for the proposed Blue Hill Avenue - Columbia Study Area is estimated at \$134,000. Under the State aided Urban Renewal Program, seventy five percent or \$100,000 of the proposed Survey and Planning Budget is eligible for funding by the State, while the remaining twenty-five percent constitutes the local contribution.

The Authority is thus requested to approve the undertaking of survey and plans and administration expenses for the Blue Hill Avenue - Columbia Road Study, and authorize the director to file an application for survey and planning funds with the Department of Community Affairs as well as obtaining any other approvals necessary.

An appropriate resolution is attached.

EXHIBIT "A"

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BLUE HILL - COLUMBIA STUDY AREA

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of the northeasterly sideline of Washington Street with the northwesterly sideline of Columbia Road;

Thence running southwesterly along the northwesterly sideline of Columbia Road to the northeasterly sideline of Seaver Street;

Thence turning and running northwesterly along the northeasterly sideline of Seaver Street to the westerly sideline of Blue Hill Avenue;

Thence turning and running southerly along the westerly sideline of Blue Hill Avenue to the northwesterly sideline of American Legion Highway;

Thence turning and running southwesterly along the northwesterly sideline of American Legion Highway to the intersection with the extended northeasterly property line of the property now or formerly owned by the Boston Housing Authority and located at 92-124 American Legion Highway;

Thence turning and running southeasterly, northeasterly, southeasterly, southerly, and southeasterly along the extended northeasterly, northwesterly, northeasterly, easterly, and extended northeasterly property line of the property now or formerly owned by the Boston Housing Authority to the easterly sideline of Blue Hill Avenue;

Thence turning and running northerly along the easterly sideline of Blue Hill Avenue to the southwesterly sideline of Talbot Avenue;

Thence turning and running southeasterly along the southwesterly sideline of Talbot Avenue to the midline of the right-of-way of the Penn-Central Railroad;

Thence turning and running northerly along the midline of the right-of-way of the Penn-Central Railroad to the northeasterly sideline of Washington Street;

Thence turning and running northwesterly along the northeasterly sideline of Washington Street to the point of beginning.

